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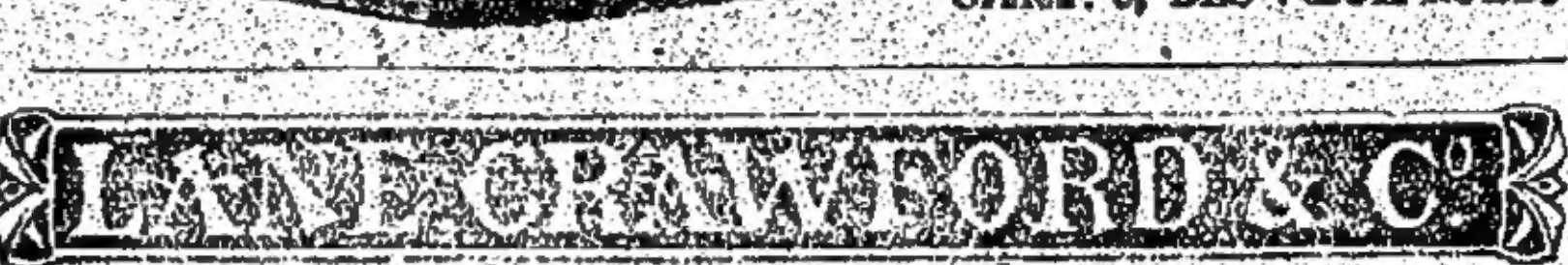
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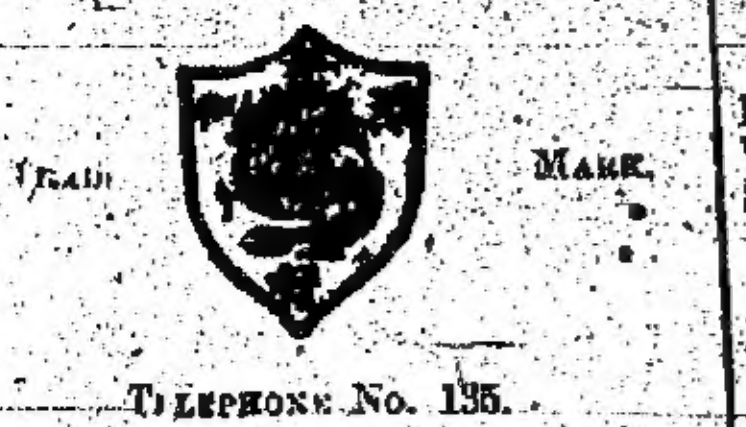
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Meeting.

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TUESDAY, December 20.—

2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's

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DEATH.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1904.

AN IRREDUCIBLE MINIMUM.

Files to hand show that when the news first reached London of the Dogger Bank atrocity, incredulous amazement was so speedily succeeded by intense indignation that no one in Great Britain or the Continent would have been surprised if the last week in October had seen a war between England and Russia.

The advantage of a democratic form of government told. Had our King been an autocrat of the Continental pattern, nothing could have averted the disaster, but with constitutional methods, and a permanent Foreign Secretary, who strove over to Newmarket to look at his horses, it was easy to regard even an exciting question in the calmest light, and to sketch out a method whereby Russia, while forfeiting no jot of her dignity, might yet be gently compelled to perform her obvious duty. When the calm came, Great Britain was misled, naturally enough, by a promise from Count Benckendorff, which he was not authorised to give, but the deception was a small one. He assured our government, and the Prime Minister repeated to the people, that the Baltic fleet should not proceed till the matter had been cleared up. The fleet has proceeded, but, of the four claims that we made, an expression of regret, an impartial enquiry, the punishment of the guilty, and the detention of the ships, three are to be granted, and we may be satisfied. Indeed we have no claim to keep back a squadron proceeding against the enemy. The very laws of strict neutrality that forbid us to help them on their way with supplies of coal prohibit us from making a pretext of a wrong against us to hinder them in their progress against our ally. Thus, then, the first three of our original claims make up the irreducible minimum of our demands. Now that a court of inquiry is in process of constitution, the question naturally arises, have we a right to make any demand at all? Would it not be only fair to leave that also to the court to decide? The answer lies in the resolution of the Hague Convention, under which such a court is constituted. It is laid down, that to a joint court of this description shall be allotted the decision of questions of fact, not affecting the honour or vital interests of either nation. It cannot be denied that the lives of her subjects, pursuing their peaceful vocations on the high seas, are a point of honour, and their freedom from assault a vital interest, for a maritime nation, so that if once the court gives its verdict on the matter of fact, the consequences of that verdict and the sentence to be pronounced lie on another plane. The exaction of a reparation commensurate with the dignity of our Empire, and adequately comparable with the magnitude of the offence, is a thing that we cannot yield to the decision of any court whatever. There are several considerations that force us to this conclusion. The first is the known character of the defendant in the case. For two centuries the Russian tyranny has been spreading like an epidemic over the face of the earth, and every weapon of modern warfare has been used against a nation

TOUGHER THAN HERSELF TO CHECK HER

baileful progress. We have had a long experience of Russian assurances and of her promises, and have seen every assurance broken and every promise broken. All the resources of diplomacy have been strained to deceive and outwit us without conceding one definite grievance on which we could take action. Now, at last, we have a point to which we can pin her down, and an accusation she cannot evade. British blood has been shed, and by Russia herself, in arms. The very clearness of the issue is a godsend to a nation sick of the evasions and tergiversations of the enemy of the human race.

Our position in Asia is the next reason why it is impossible for us to retract one iota of our legitimate demands. In the Far East Japan is watching narrowly the results of the present complication. We cannot be regarded as a worthy ally of the most efficient of modern military powers, if we fail to exert a substantial apology for the outrage that has been committed. Our fishermen have been murdered, day after day has passed in silence, and at last the commander of the peacemaking fleet has condescended to defend his conduct by a string of lies, sufficient to provoke the derision of every sailor afloat, and has sailed on, leaving behind him three witnesses of no rank or weight to repeat his falsehoods to a grave and learned international bench. For the insolent falsehoods of Rozhdenskiy have for their audience, not the tribunal only, but the whole world. Europe listens, and the interest of the result is not confined to the Chancelleries of Europe. It will be canvassed equally keenly in the tents of the Turcomans and the hill forts of Afghanistan; the lamascenes of Tibet will weigh it, and Chinese statesmen look to see whether Great Britain ranks low among the foreign devils. Were the danger and the damage of a great war to be even greater than they are, we could not risk, in the face of Asia, shirking them by any pusillanimous concessions on this point. Each of the claims set forth is in itself a small thing. We are not minutely interested in the amount of compensation to be paid; we do not profess to sell the lives of our meanest fishermen at a price. We can, out of our own pockets, pension the widows of the victims, and Russian roubles cannot buy the blood of Englishmen. In the same way we set little value on apologies and expressions of regret. No apologies ever cancelled an injury. It is a commonplace of civilisation that a man is bound to accept an apology as expunging an offence, but soft words do not wipe out the stain of a blow, and still less can they restore life to the murdered. Nay, more, even giving the full chivalrous and conventional value to an apology, we must weigh it by comparison with the reputation of the man who offer it, and a veneered Tartar is not a European. As for the punishment of the guilty, that matters very little. Lieut. Such-a-one, of His Imperial Russian Majesty's Navy, is beneath the contempt of the British Empire. But trifling and inadequate as each separate claim appears the three in the aggregate form a demand which cannot be reduced. It is not for our sakes that we insist, but in the interest of the world, and especially in the interest of Asia, that the arrogance of Russia, the claims must be enforced. There is no special honour to be gained; the duty laid upon us of exposing the fest of clay of the Northern Colossus is painful, if not indeed, loathsome, but we have been driven to it, and neither by unblushing mendacity nor by legal chicanery can Russia be permitted to avoid quelling to the dregs the cup she has poured out for herself.

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LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The Rev. Walter C. Erdman, of Philadelphia, will lecture to men on "The Results of Compromise," to-morrow at 9 p.m.

Mr. J. Dyet Ball will lecture on "Rhythm and Rhyme in Colonial Chinese," on Wednesday, December 21, at 8 p.m., at the Y.M.C.A. rooms. The lady friends of members are also invited.

The usual devotional meeting in connection with the Y.M.C.A. will be held on Monday afternoon at 5.15 in the lecture room of the European Y.M.C.A., Alexandria Buildings, and will be conducted by S. T. Wenborn, Esq. All are cordially invited.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

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HUNGARY'S POLITICS.

DISGRACEFUL SCENES IN THE DIET.

Premier Howled Down.

LONDON, December 16.

Scenes of wild disorder and indecorable uproar have taken place in the Hungarian Diet.

They were renewed yesterday and the Premier was unable to obtain a hearing.

He stood with folded arms on the floor of the Diet for thirty minutes, while the infuriated members of the Opposition howled:—"Resign, Resign!"

Finally the sitting was broken up in disorder.

Count S. Tass is the Premier of Hungary and his Ministers are:—Dr. Ladislav Lukacs, Finance; Albert de Bercsely, Instruction and Religion; Charles Hieronymi, Commerce; Adalbert de Tallian, Agriculture; Alexander Ploz, Justice; General Alexander de Nyiri, National Defence; Edwin de Cook, Minister for Croatia. There are 453 members in the Hungarian Diet.—E.O.M.]

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

THE RUSSIAN BALTIC FLEET.

LONDON, December 16.

Admiral Rozhdenskiy's squadron arrived at Alexandria on the 11th instant and is reported to be coaling from coilers.

Reuters's correspondent at Aden wires that Admiral Fokshin's squadron is still at Jibuti awaiting the arrival of Admiral Brzozowski's supplementary fleet.

Admiral Fokshin's squadron has quitted Jibuti waters.

REFORM IN RUSSIA.

The growth of the Liberal movement in Russia is daily becoming more manifest and the newspapers are outspokenly advocating far-reaching reforms, which meetings of the Students and the educated classes are emphatically demanding.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

Japan Ready for Peace.

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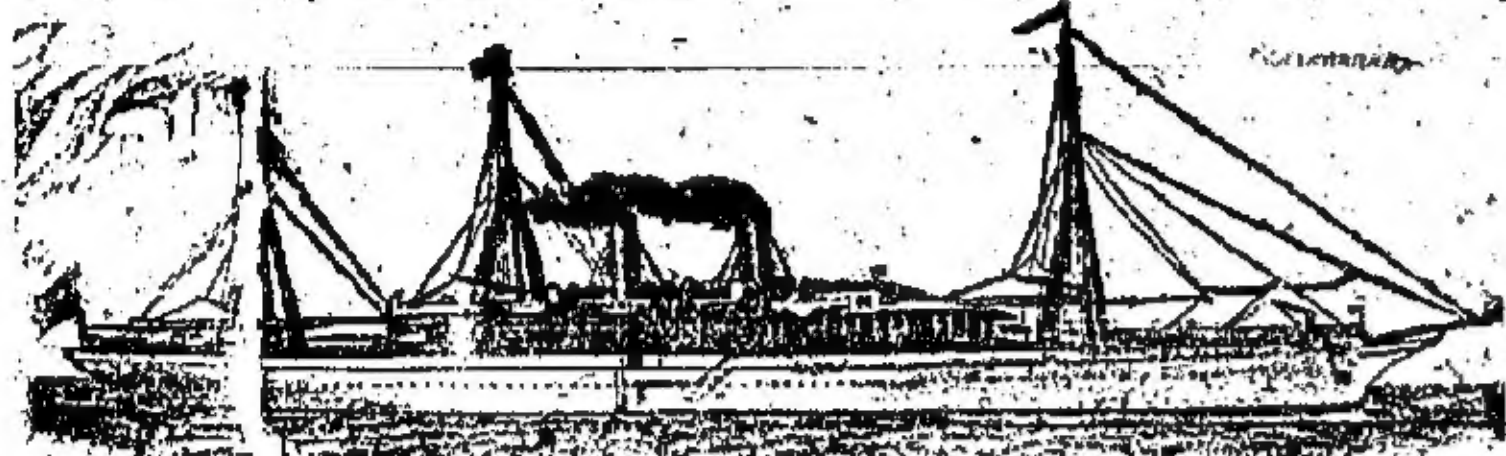
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Will dispatch vessels to the Undermentioned Ports on the DATE

| Ports | Steamers | To sail on | Remarks |
|--|----------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| MARSHALLS, LONDON & AMSTERDAM, VIA SUEZ CANAL, PANAMA, COLON, AND PORT SAID. | Candia | About 21st December | Freight only. |
| MOJI & KOBE | Candia | About 22nd December | Freight only. |
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| SHANGHAI | Candia | About 31st December | Freight and Passage. |
| LONDON, &c. | Candia | 21st December | See Special Advertisement. |

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| Steamers | Tons | Days | Remarks |
|-------------------------|-------|------|---------------------------|
| R.M.S. ATLANTIC | 8,000 | 25 | Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1904. |
| R.M.S. EMPRESS OF CHINA | 8,000 | 26 | Thursday, Jan. 11, 1905. |
| R.M.S. TARTAR | 8,000 | 26 | Friday, Jan. 26, 1905. |
| R.M.S. EMPRESS OF INDIA | 8,000 | 26 | Wednesday, Feb. 9, 1905. |
| R.M.S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN | 8,000 | 26 | Wednesday, Mar. 9, 1905. |

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For further information, apply to D. W. CRADDOCK, Acting General Agent, Hongkong, December 14, 1904.

PORTLAND AND ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

SAILING FROM HONGKONG, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA; FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

| Steamship | Tons | Captain | To sail at daylight on |
|-----------|------|---------|------------------------|
| NICOMEDIA | 4370 | WAGNER | Jan. 9, 1905. |
| NUMANTIA | 4370 | BRUNNEN | Jan. 25, 1905. |
| ARABIA | 4463 | BAILE | Feb. 20, 1905. |
| ARAGONIA | 5198 | SCHULTZ | Mar. 12, 1905. |

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REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| For | Steamers | Leaving |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| TAMSU, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY. | PRITHOOF | SUNDAY, 18th Dec., at Daylight. |
| FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY. | TRUMPH | WEDNESDAY, Dec. 21, at Daylight. |
| TAMSU, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY. | M. STREVE | SUNDAY, 26th Dec., at Daylight. |
| ANPING, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY. | PROVIDENCE | WEDNESDAY, Dec. 29, at Daylight. |

ON account of the present state of political affairs, all the Company's new Steamers have been requisitioned for Transport Service, and the above named chartered Steamers have been secured instead for maintenance of the Company's Coastal Services. As soon as the state of Affairs permit the Company will resume running with its specially designed new Steamers.

For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co.'s local Branch Office, at No. 5, Des Voeux Road Central.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

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VIA

MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

| Steamers | Tons | Captains | To sail |
|----------|------|------------------|----------------|
| PLEIADES | 3763 | F. G. Farrington | About Dec. 23. |
| TREMONT | 3600 | T. W. Garlick | About Jan. 10. |
| LYLA | 4417 | G. V. Williams | About Feb. 9. |
| PLEIADES | 3763 | F. G. Farrington | About Mar. 4. |

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OUTWARDS.

| FROM | STEAMERS | TO SAIL |
|-----------------------|----------|----------------|
| GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL | SORLENS | 19th December. |
| GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL | FELEUS | 27th December. |
| GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL | FELEUS | 4th January. |
| GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL | FELEUS | 8th January. |

HOMEWARDS.

| FOR | STEAMERS | TO SAIL |
|---|----------|----------------|
| AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP | DIONTO | 24th December. |
| * GENOA, M'LES, HAVRE & LIVERPOOL, NINGBO | DIONTO | 22nd December. |
| AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP | MOYNE | 2nd January. |
| AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP | HYSON | 17th January. |
| * GENOA, M'LES, HAVRE & LIVERPOOL, HECTOR | HYSON | 30th January. |
| AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP | PRIMA | 31st January. |

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

| FOR | STEAMERS | TO SAIL |
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* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

| FOR | STEAMERS | TO SAIL |
|--|----------|----------------|
| SHANGHAI, HONGKONG, HANKOW, HUNAN | HUNAN | 18th December. |
| CHUO AND HONGKONG | SUNGKANG | 19th December. |
| SHANGHAI, HONGKONG, HANKOW, FOOCHOW | FOOCHOW | 20th December. |
| SHANGHAI, HONGKONG, HANKOW, FOOCHOW | FOOCHOW | 20th December. |
| CHIEFOO, HONGKONG, HANKOW, TAIPEI | TAIPEI | 20th December. |
| PORT DUBOIS, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE | CHINOTU | 20th December. |

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| RUBI | 2540 | R. W. Almond | " | Dec. 31, at 10 a.m. |

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|-----------------|------------------|
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| S.S. IRBAL | M. ROBERTSON |
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| S.S. INKUM | R. S. PHILLIPS |
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|-----------|-------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
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TELEPHONE No. 375, Hongkong, December 7, 1904.

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

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